

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

### What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a ~~plurality of~~ data carrier[[s]] from a support strip, [[a]] the data carrier comprising a data carrier body provided with a microcircuit, the support strip comprising ~~a plurality of~~ at least one support elements ~~(1a, 1b, 1c)~~, [[a]] the support element comprising wiring pads, the method comprising the following steps:  
  
an overmoulding step, in which the support element[[s]] of the support strip [[are]]is overmoulded so as to obtain ~~a plurality of~~ the data carrier body[[ies]] ; and  
  
a microcircuit-connecting step, in which the microcircuits ~~are~~ is electrically connected to the wiring pads ~~(3)~~ of the data carrier body[[ies]] so as to obtain ~~a plurality of~~ the data carrier[[s]].
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a cutting step, in which the data carriers ~~are~~ is cut out.
3. (Currently Amended) A support strip comprising:  
  
at least one roughly parallel gripping areas ~~(10)~~; and  
  
~~the support strip comprising in addition a number of~~ at least one support elements ~~(1a, 1b, 1c)~~, wherein [[a]] the support element comprises[[ing]] a conducting elements,  
  
~~a conducting element comprising~~ having a contact pad and a wiring pad, ~~the~~

~~support strip being characterised in that and wherein~~ [[a]]the support element (1a)  
is connected to [[a]]the at least one gripping area (10) using a snap-off junction  
area ~~(11)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 3, wherein characterised in  
~~that~~ the support element ~~(1a)~~ is a support grid.
5. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 3, wherein characterised in  
~~that~~ the support element ~~(1a)~~ comprises a foolproofing edge ~~(6a)~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 4, wherein characterised in  
~~that~~ the support element ~~(1a)~~ comprises a second foolproofing edge ~~(6b)~~.
7. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 3, wherein characterised in  
~~that~~ the support element ~~(1a)~~ is metallic.
8. (Currently Amended) The support strip according to claim 4, wherein characterised in  
~~that~~ the support element ~~(1a)~~ has a contour whose geometry substantially complies with  
the standard GSM 11.11.

9. (Original) The support strip according to claim 3, wherein the support element is arranged to receive an electronic component.